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When we know what our collective responsibility is, what "America" means to the inhabitants of the United States of North America, then, and hardly before, we will see clearly what our duty is in times like the present, doubtless due to recur often.

GORDON PINGREE.

MANCHESTER, N. H.

[The omission from our correspondent's previous communication of his place of residence was due, not to a sinister editorial plot, as he seems to suspect, but to that far less interesting circumstance, an editorial inadvertence. The fact that Mr. Pingree hails from Manchester, N. H., is therefore gladly heralded above.—EDITOR.]

#### A CLEAR PORTRAYAL

SIR,—I want to thank you for your article, "Is our Administration Anæmic or American?" It has been a matter of wonder to me how people seem to forget the sequence of events in our relations with Mexico during the last two years, and how, at each new departure of our President's, they should shrug tolerant shoulders. Mr. Mann's exclamation in Congress: "Will some one tell me what *is* the President's Mexican policy?" is a rare bit of humor, which met with strange unresponsiveness from the American public. While in San Francisco this summer I ran across the copy of the *Argonaut* from which you quote; after reading it, I said to myself, Is it possible that the clear insight and clean-cut reasoning of our country is alive only in this far Western State? But your article has now removed the slur of thick wits from the East and given me great pleasure in easing my own inarticulateness, by portraying so clearly a condition which has kept my spirit boiling with an indignation for which I could find no vent.

MARY ELLEN WOOD.

NEW YORK CITY.

#### OUR PULL

SIR,—Please excuse the liberty I take in sending six months' subscription to THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW through you. Why I do so is because the first article I read, written by you, *got me*, and each succeeding one only increases my admiration of you.

You and Mr. G. K. Chesterton are very much alike in the *pull* you have on your readers. In the *Illustrated London News* I always read his article before looking at the pictures—and yours is devoured *first* in THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

W. G. DEACON.

ST. VINCENT, MINN.

#### PRAISE OF "THE MAN JESUS"

SIR,—I wish you would permit me to express my gratitude to you for publishing the articles, *The Man Jesus*, by Mary Austin. They are replete with sympathy, deep appreciation, and, particularly, reverence. These qualities are very much deeper than dogmatic worship, which is so far away from the needs of the human heart.

DEMARCHUS C. BROWN.

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